# Arielanvestments







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#### Firm Facts

- Founded in 1983 by John W. Rogers, Jr.
- Headquartered in Chicago, with offices in New York, San Francisco and Sydney
- \$13.9 billion in Assets
  Under Management\*
- 95.6% owned by employees and board members

# Our Patient Investment Philosophy

#### Active Patience

We take the long-term view.

#### Independent Thinking

We invest to our convictions, not to benchmarks.

#### Focused Expertise

We specialize in bottom-up, fundamental research.

#### **Bold Teamwork**

We work collaboratively with a shared commitment to excellence.

## Our Value Approach

- Pioneer in small and mid-cap value investing, with one of the longest track records in the business.
- Fundamental, qualitative approach to investing.
- Concentrated yet diversified portfolios focused on our highest conviction ideas.
- In depth sector and industry expertise.



# Ariel Appreciation Fund

### Fund Summary

OBJECTIVE	Long-te	rm capital appreciation
INVESTMENT STYLE		Mid Cap Value
INDEX	Russe	ell Midcap® Value Index
INCEPTION DATE		December 01, 1989
ASSETS		\$963.0 million
	Investor Class	Institutional Class
TICKERSYMBOL	CAAPX	CAAIX
CUSIP	040337206	040337834
MINIMUM INITIAL INVESTMENT**	\$1,000	\$1,000,000
EXPENSE RATIO***	1.13%	0.82%

Performance <sup>1</sup> (%)					Annua	alized	
	QTR	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Ariel Appreciation Fund (Investor Class)	-6.56	-2.76	0.68	-0.72	6.28	5.62	9.74
Ariel Appreciation Fund (Institutional Class) <sup>2</sup>	-6.46	-2.60	1.00	-0.41	6.61	5.96	9.87
Russell Midcap® Value Index³	-3.40	4.54	11.98	3.65	8.49	7.60	10.78
Russell Midcap® Index <sup>3</sup>	-3.35	4.96	12.88	2.37	9.45	9.04	10.97
S&P 500® Index <sup>3</sup>	4.28	15.29	24.56	10.01	15.04	12.86	10.51

#### Characteristics<sup>4</sup>

	<b>Ariel Appreciation Fund</b>	Russell Midcap® Value Index
Number of Holdings	44	699
Forward Price/Earnings	13.73	15.16
Long-Term Earnings Growth (%)	12.59	10.64
Interest Coverage Ratio	5.08	3.83
Return on Equity (%)	15.50	17.85
Discount to Private Market Value (%)	-27.30	_
Active Share (%)	94.72	_
Turnover (%)	15.43	_
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Source: FactSet; Turnover is sourced from Northern Trust

\*Assets under management include \$1.48 billion for Ariel Alternatives, a subsidiary of Ariel Investments, which reflects aggregate commitments and excludes fund specific leverage. \*\*Please see the fund's prospectus for additional minimums, including a \$50 per month Automatic Investment Program option. \*\*\*As of 2/1/24. ¹ Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. All performance assumes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. To access performance data as of the most recent month-end, visit arielinvestments.com. Any extraordinary performance shown for short-term periods may not be sustainable and is not representative of the performance over longer periods. Annual Average Total Return does not reflect a maximum 4.75% sales load charged prior to 7/15/94. ¹ The inception date for the Institutional Class shares is December 30, 2011. Performance information for the Institutional Class prior to that date reflects the actual performance of the Fund's Investor Class, for such period of time), without any adjustments. For any such period of time, the performance of the Fund's Institutional Class would have been substantially similar to, yet higher than, the performance of the Fund's Investor Class, because the shares of both classes are invested in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes bear different expenses, which are primarily differences in distribution and service fees. ³ The Russell Midcap® Value Index measures the performance of the mid-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell Midcap® Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios, lower forecasted growth values and lower sales per share historical growth. The inception date of this benchmark is February 1, 1995. The Ru

### Industry Weightings<sup>1</sup> (% of net assets)

	Ending Weight	Russell Midcap® Value Index
Financials	25.46	16.48
Consumer Discretionary	25.29	12.64
Industrials	20.74	23.05
Health Care	11.29	6.17
Energy	5.89	5.91
Consumer Staples	4.67	3.52
Real Estate	4.30	10.09
Utilities	1.21	8.28
Basic Materials	0.00	4.02
Technology	0.00	9.26
Telecommunications	0.00	0.57
Short-Term Investments	1.16	0.00

#### Top 10 Positions<sup>2</sup> (% of net assets)

		Russell ICB Industry	<b>Ending Weight</b>
1	Northern Trust Corporation	Financials	4.75
2	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	Financials	4.26
3	Core Laboratories, Inc.	Energy	3.44
4	Mattel, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	3.38
5	Labcorp Holdings, Inc.	Health Care	3.12
6	Generac Holdings, Inc.	Industrials	3.11
7	Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.	Health Care	3.10
8	Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	2.98
9	CarMax, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	2.94
10	Madison Square Garden Sports Corporation	Consumer Discretionary	2.76
To	otal		33.84

# Market Cap Exposure (% of investments)

	Ariel Appreciation Fund	Russell Midcap® Value Index		Ariel Appreciation Fund	Russell Midcap® Value Index	
Medium/Large (\$46.24B - \$162.98B)	11.40	13.98	Weighted Average (\$M)	\$20,730	\$25,705	
Medium	40.57	55.40	(Φ141)			
(\$13.59B - \$46.24B)	16.57	55.10	Smallest	4054	0004	
Medium/Small (\$4.53B - \$13.59B)	49.62	27.83	(\$M)	\$951	\$364	
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Small (\$4.53B & Below)	22.42	3.09	(\$M) \$146,558		\$93,139	

Contributors and Detractors <sup>2</sup> (%)					
Top Five Contributors	Russell ICB Industry	Average Weight	Total Return	Contribution to Return	
Core Laboratories, Inc.	Energy	2.87	18.87	0.51	
Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	Financials	4.17	8.95	0.36	
Stericycle, Inc.	Utilities	1.95	10.20	0.28	
ADT, Inc.	Industrials	1.77	13.94	0.24	
Knowles Corporation	Consumer Discretionary	2.49	7.20	0.17	
Bottom Five Detractors					
Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.	Consumer Staples	1.85	-43.45	-1.01	
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.	Health Care	3.25	-23.76	-0.88	
Mattel, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	3.60	-17.92	-0.68	
Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.	Industrials	2.74	-17.63	-0.54	
Envista Holdings Corporation	Health Care	1.90	-22.22	-0.46	

Source: FactSet. Holdings are categorized according to the Russell Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB). Holdings not classified by ICB are categorized according to FactSet classification. Holdings of the same issuer are aggregated and if held as depositary receipts it is not so specified. To determine the Fund's Top 10 Positions, holdings are ranked by issuer Ending Weight (% of net assets). To determine the Fund's Contributors & Detractors, holdings are ranked by issuer Contribution to Return (%). Contribution to Return (%) is the Ending Weight (%) times the Total Return (%) linked daily across the report period. The holdings shown do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for investors. Quantitative Measures (Source FactSet): Ending Weight is the value of the position relative to the Fund's total assets over the period. Forward Price/Earnings, a valuation measure, is the price as of the report date divided by the mean earnings per share (EPS) consensus estimate for the next twelve months as of the run date. The holdings are summarized at the portfolio level using weighted harmonic average. LT Estimated Earnings Growth, an income statement measure, is the percent growth rate of the median earnings per share (EPS) consensus estimate for the unreported current year, current year+2, and current year+3 as of the run date. The holdings are summarized at the portfolio level using weighted average. Interest Coverage Ratio, a liquidity measure, represents the ratio of earnings before the portfolio summary statistic. The holdings are summarized at the portfolio level using weighted average. Active Share measures the consensus estimate for the next period divided by total equity over the period. Holdings are summarized at the portfolio level using weighted average. Active Share measures the degree of active management by a portfolio manager. Discount to PMV is the percentage discount the portfolio trades at relative to Ariel Investments of the portfolio's private market value (PMV). The e